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Serving His Country, His Family, the University

Like many Americans, Sheldon Smith worries about the future in light of the country's current military maneuvers. However, because of his position in the D.C. Army National Guard, he may worry just a little bit more.

Smith, director of the Department of Physics' communications and public information office, is also the public affairs officer for the Guard. He is not in a deployable unit, but he can be called up individually because of his position. If his responsibilities on and after

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State Fire Marshal Urges Cooperation

Building partnerships between state, local and university agencies is one of the best ways to handle emergency situations, said the state's new fire marshal, William Barnard, during the university's Department of Environmental Safety Compliance Officers breakfast last



PHOTO BY MONETTE AUSTIN BAILEY
William Barnard, the state's new fire marshal, addressed safety compliance officers at the Golf Course.

Wednesday.

Alluding to last month's tornado and security concerns heightened by terrorist activity, Barnard said his first three and a half months in office have been "very interesting." He also commended local fire and rescue agencies for assisting Maryland during the tornado's aftermath.

The breakfast, held every semester, is a chance for officers from departments all over campus to share concerns and new information.

MFRI Opens New Fire Training Facility



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A highlight of the celebration was the ribbon cutting featuring the use of a firefighter's ax. The group of dignitaries included (l-r): Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Director Emeritus John W. Hoglund, Maryland State Senator Richard F. Colburn, Upper Eastern Shore Regional Advisory Board Chair Bryan Ebling, University of Maryland President Dan Mote, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Director Steven T. Edwards and Vice President of the Queen Anne County Commissioners Marlene F. Davis.

The university's Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute recently celebrated the opening of a new training facility in Centreville, Md., the Upper Eastern Shore Regional Training Center.

"This grand opening symbolizes the culmination of a master plan developed to provide full-service fire, rescue, and emergency medical training facilities in every region of the state," said MFRI Director Steven T.

Edwards. The facility is the sixth MFRI regional training center, incorporating all the best features of its predecessors, and includes classroom and administrative

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Conference to Focus on Helping Students Succeed

Many people, upon making it to a successful place in life, thank those who helped get them there. It isn't unusual for elementary school teachers, high school counselors and university staff or faculty to be on that list. It is under this "reach them early" mindset that Success 2000 operates.

The conference, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Education (OMSE) and formerly called Retention 2000, seeks to explore new opportunities for collaboration between the university and the community in order to ensure student success. It will be held from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Nov. 14 in the Colony Ballroom of Stamp Student Union.

"We want to make sure they have the opportunities, that they are prepared and that they can come to the best universities," says Mary Cothran, director of OMSE. "The conference is really about bringing a group of

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A Community Approach to Diabetes Control

Latino/Hispanic American diabetics in Montgomery County are enjoying better health thanks to a community-based education program involving faculty of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Working in partnership with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and the Spanish Catholic Health Center, a non-profit organization that serves the Latino population, Mira Mehta and Dianne Miiller are providing this previously underserved audience with the information they and their families need to take control of their diet, the disease and their lives.

The seeds for this educational effort were sown in 1998, when Miiller, an educator with the college's Maryland Cooperative Extension office in Montgomery County, attended a diabetes presentation at a meeting of the Society for Nutrition Education,

and Mehta, an Extension specialist in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science, introduced an initiative on diabetes education to Maryland Extension educators.

"Approximately 1.8 million Hispanic Americans and 2.3 million African Americans older than the age of 20 have diabetes," says Mehta. "Diabetes is to some extent a preventable disorder that can be managed with diet and physical activity, and I felt that the university could play a part in reaching and teaching these medically high-risk populations."

Miiller agreed. She and her community collaborators developed a curriculum and taught their first six-hour diabetes education program for uninsured Hispanic clients in May 1999, repeating the program 10 times since then, most recently in September. Through interactive lectures

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New Fellowship Focuses on Medical Innovations

Alumnus Selects Engineering School for Gift

The A. James Clark School of Engineering recently received a \$1.25 million donation from an especially admiring and altruistic alumnus.

Robert Fischell made the donation for the establishment of an engineering fellowship to support doctoral research in bioengineering. He holds a master's degree in physics from the University of Maryland and serves on its board of trustees. He made the donation because he wanted to encourage innovative research in biomedical engineering. Fischell had specific reasons for choosing the university.

"I selected the University of Maryland for the fellowship because of its quality and because the university has been good to me," he says.

The Clark School of Engineering graduate programs are ranked 18th in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. The school is also rec-

ognized as a national leader in undergraduate education. Fischell was given an honorary doctor of science from the university in recognition of his innovations in spacecraft and biomedical engineering, in addition to the nearly 200 patents he has received.

The Fischell fellowship is unique in its emphasis on product development in addition to academic achievement. Nariman Farvardin, dean of the school of engineering says, "This fellowship is designed so that the student would bring his or her own research proposal to the Clark School and a faculty member will help the student make it happen." Normally, a student would look for a professor with similar research interests and help develop the professor's idea.

The fellowship will be advertised nationally and will

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YOUR GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY EVENTS: NOVEMBER 6-13

TUESDAY

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4 p.m., The Physics Of Scaling Laws for Biological Systems 1410 Physics. Physics colloquium with Geoffrey West, Los Alamos National Laboratory. Call 5-5945.

5:50-7 p.m., The Making of "Venous Flow: States of Grace" Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Take Five on Tuesdays presents award-winning dancer Li Chiao-Ping and visual artist Douglas Rosenburg as they demonstrate their multimedia, mixed abilities dance project and discuss its inspiration. Li invites students and community members to join in exploring alternate ways of moving through space. Participants should plan to attend the open rehearsal at 2 p.m. and must be available for the performance at 5:30 p.m. No prior dance experience required. For more information, contact Meriam Rosen at 5-3189.

8-10 p.m., Gerard Poole and Moroccan Dance Kay Theatre, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Sponsored by the ethnomusicology program of the School of Music. For more information, contact Amy Harbison at 5-8169 or harbison@wam.umd.edu, or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

WEDNESDAY

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12-1 p.m., Research and Development Presentation: Where's the Learning in Service-Learning? 0114 Counseling Center, Shoemaker Building. With Marie Troppe, coordinator of service learning, Office of Commuter Affairs and Community Service. Meetings are scheduled for one hour over bag lunch. All interested faculty, staff and graduate students are invited. For more information, contact Vivian Boyd, Counseling Center director, at 4-7675.

5:30-6:30 p.m., Basics of Strength Training Center for Health & Wellbeing, 0121 Campus Recreation Center. Dress comfortably. Contact Jennifer Treger at 4-1493 or treger@health.umd.edu.

6-8 p.m., Crosscurrents 2001: the Work of Pyramid

Venture Adventure

The fall Whiting Turner Lecture "Making Money The Old Fashion Way" will feature guest speakers Ginger E. Lew, CEO and Managing Director of Telecommunications Development Fund (TDF) and Robert Cerbone, Associate at TDF and alumnus of the Clark School of Engineering and Smith School of Business. They will speak about the venture capital industry on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 5 p.m. in 1202 Glenn L. Martin Hall. Receptions will precede and follow the lecture in the lobby area. All are invited. For more information, visit www.eng.umd.edu/news/whatsnew.html#LECTURE.

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6-9 p.m., HTML II: Using Tables and Formatting for Web Page Layout 4404 Computer & Space Science. Prerequisite: HTML I. Registration is \$10 for students; \$20 for faculty/staff; \$25 for alumni. For more information, contact Carol Warrington at 5-2938 or cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/pt.

7:30-9 p.m., On the Front Lines: Television and African-American Issues Details in For Your Interest, page 4.

THURSDAY

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8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT Short-course: Introduction To MS Access 4404 Computer & Space Science. The fee is \$90. To register, visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc. For more information, contact the OIT Training Services Coordinator at 5-0443 or oit-training@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc.

11:30 a.m., Art Department Lecture West Gallery, Art-Sociology Building. With Robert Taplin, a figurative sculptor and critic whose sculptures are made of numerous materials: plaster, paper, forged steel and concrete. His work has received press in Art in America and Sculpture magazines. Besides showing regularly, he has also had major public com-

missions. For more information, contact Claudia DeMonte at McMonte2@aol.com.

3:30 p.m., Impossible Subjects: Sexuality, Diaspora and South Asian Public Cultures Nyumburu Cultural Center. The Asian American Studies Program and the Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity (CRGE) present Gayatri Gopinath, University of California-Davis. For more information, call 5-2931 or visit www.umd.edu/crge.

3:30 p.m., Bebe Koch Petrou Lecture 1120 Susquehanna Hall. Samuel R. Delany, award-winning science fiction novelist, will give a lecture titled "Writing and Life." Delany is a professor of comparative literature at Temple University. For more information, contact Betty Fern at 5-3805.

7-8:30 p.m., Money Management Seminar Stamp Student Union. Join the University of Maryland Black Alumni Club for a money management seminar hosted by Merrill Lynch. Michelle Williams, financial consultant, will assist participants with issues concerning personal finance and strategies to make your money work for you. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Llatetra Brown at (301) 403-2728, ext. 11 or LB166@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.alumni.umd.edu.

FRIDAY

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9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy 25th Anniversary Conference Details in For Your Interest, page 4.

1-5 p.m., Old Norse Edda Symposium St. Mary's Hall. The Germanic Studies Department's Scandinavian Program of the School of Foreign Languages and Literatures is holding a symposium in conjunction with the University Concert Series performance of songs from the Edda by the medieval song group Sequentia. The program, covering cultural, mythological and social aspects of the Eddic poems, will feature Marianne Kalinke from the University of Illinois atampaign/Urbana; John Lindow from the University of California-Berkeley; Bryndis

Schram, Icelandic Embassy and the Icelandic Film Institute; Heimir Pálsson from the University of Reykjavik; and Benjamin Bagby, co-creator of the musical Edda program. For more information, contact Rose-Marie Oster at 5-4096.

3 p.m., Physics Lecture 1412 Physics. The Physics Department presents its Distinguished Lecture Series in Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics. Steven L. Rolston of the National Institute of Standards & Technology is this month's speaker. Call 5-5945.

4 p.m., Celebrity and Sexuality Laboratory Theater, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Symposium around "As Bees in Honey Drown" (see 8 p.m.). Reception to follow at 5:30 p.m. Reservations suggested; call 5-6676.

8 p.m., As Bees in Honey Drown Kogod Theater, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Performance of a play by Douglas Carter Beane. For more information, call 5-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

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8 p.m., As Bees in Honey Drown Kogod Theater, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. (See Nov. 9, 8 p.m.)

SUNDAY

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2 p.m., As Bees in Honey Drown Kogod Theater, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. (See Nov. 9, 8 p.m.)

7:30 p.m., As Bees in Honey Drown Kogod Theater, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. (See Nov. 9, 8 p.m.)

8 p.m., University of Maryland Women's and Men's Choruses Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Concert debut of the newest ensembles from the choirs. For more information, call 5-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

MONDAY

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8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT Short-course: Introduction to MS Excel 4404 Computer & Space Science. Learn to use the 3-dimensional aspect of Excel, save an Excel workbook as a Web page, and more. The fee for the class is \$90. To register, visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc. For more information, contact the OIT Shortcourse Training Coordinator at 5-0443 or oit-training@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc.

12:30-2:30 p.m., The Third Blackwell/Maryland Lecture Series Details in For Your Interest, page 4.

8 p.m., Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. School of Music presentation conducted by John E. Wakefield. For more information, call 5-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

TUESDAY

november 13

10 a.m., André Watts Piano Masterclass Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Watts is a world-famous concert pianist and School of Music artist-in-residence. Call 5-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

12 p.m., Author Lecture and Book Signing with Edward Steers Lecture Room D, National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road. Noted Lincoln authority Steers will discuss his book "Blood on the Moon: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln." Reservations recommended; call (202) 208-7345.

12:30-1:45 p.m., Leadership in a Time of Crisis: Some African-American Perspectives Details in For Your Interest, page 4.

4 p.m., Physics Colloquium: Is There A Parallel Universe? 1412 Physics. Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Lecture with Professor Rabindra Mohapatra. A reception will follow the lecture. Call 5-5945.

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MFRI: New Facility Opens in Centreville

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PHOTO BY APRIL WALKER

The burn building located at the new facility is a realistic yet safe place for firefighters to practice extinguishing building fires.

space along with specialized practical fire and rescue training facilities. Every effort was made to learn from past efforts so that this training facility can boast an educational environment that contains the cutting-edge technology needed by faculty, staff and students.

President Dan Mote was one of many who participated in the grand opening ceremony and had the opportunity to tour

the \$3.6 million facility. In light of the tragic losses recently experienced by MFRI as a result of the devastating tornado that destroyed its temporary headquarters facility on the College Park campus, Mote stated, "It is heartening to come together today to share in the opening of a brand new, state-of-the-art training facility that will serve the Upper Eastern Shore Region for decades to come."

"For those who dedicated themselves nearly three decades ago to this regional concept, for those who committed their skills and hard work to the planning and construction process, and for those who will be the beneficiaries of their vision and dedication, it is truly a great day."

The center is located on 23 acres of land acquired from the State Highway Administration near the intersection of Routes 301 and 304, east of Centreville in Queen Anne's County. The facility will serve fire, rescue, and emergency medical personnel from Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot and Anne Arundel Counties. Other MFRI-operated centers are located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Cresaptown, Mt. Airy, Princess Anne and LaPlata. Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute's headquarters is now located at College Park Training Academy on University of Maryland's College Park campus where a new addition is being completed.

Smith: Double Duty

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PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHEL

Sheldon Smith

Sept. 11 were any indication, it would mean some long days away from his family.

"It was round the clock for the first 50-60 hours. I had to talk to everyone. I was even interviewed by a German television station," he says, still looking overwhelmed. "I left [work] that afternoon and was gone almost a week. When the units started getting activated, I was gone for another week. I have friends that have been called up and are gone. The first unit mobilized was from D.C."

"I don't want to be gone when my son's born," he added.

Smith's wife, Lolita, is expecting their third child in December. He says they take it one day at a time, and he's grateful for the support he receives from the physics department. "Everyone here's been really good."

He has been with the Guard for 11 years, though only in public affairs for the last year. Before that, Smith served as a commissioned officer in the military police, doing tours in Germany and other countries. He comes to the Army by way of a four-

year ROTC scholarship he used to go to Howard University and major in broadcast journalism. Because officers weren't being taken on as frequently for active duty when he graduated, Smith signed up for an eight-year commitment with the reserves. Why has he stayed on?

"When you don't have to stay, it's more fun," says the San Antonio native. "It's like being a firefighter or a football coach; it's hard to give it up."

To keep track of his dual roles, Smith stays available and "plugged in"

to what's going on, on the campus and in the world. The phone on his desk rings frequently, his computer chimes that he has new e-mail messages and his cell phone jingles. He keeps his uniform and a change of clothes for a few days in his car in case he has to head to the D.C. Armory at a moment's notice.

Smith explains that media relations for the Guard and the university encompass similar areas of importance, though the names may be different. The first area is command information, which is internal newsletters, meetings and surveys; external information, which is media relations and the third area is community relations.

"This is working with the public to tear down the walls between the military and civilians."

He finds it fortunate that his day-to-day career and his part-time career mesh so well. He can use his skills in both arenas, as well as take lessons learned from one to the other.

"It's worked out really well," he says.

Success: Starting Early, Staying Strong

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people together that believe the student can be independently directed. It's student self-empowerment."

Cothran says the conference will explore strategies to help cultivate self-motivated, self-assured students at secondary and post-secondary levels.

Conference organizers changed the name to reflect a more positive outlook on successful students. Instead of focusing on just keeping them in school, says Cothran, the president and other administrators want to work on creating a quality university experience by instilling in students the importance of being prepared for higher education.

"This is centered around students, not the faculty, not the staff," says Dottie Bass, coordinator of Outreach and Programming at OMSE. "We need more early intervention programs, which would enhance their college preparation."

Some of the sessions will focus on the Latino experience, creating welcoming classroom

climates for diverse populations, the future of multicultural education and the retention of Asian American students.

In its 10th year, the conference features David Schoem, faculty director of the Michigan Community Scholars Program at the University of Michigan. He has written extensively on diversity issues in higher education and has played a key role in the founding of various retention efforts.

Frank H. Wu, Howard University School of Law faculty member, will speak at the luncheon. He teaches civil procedure. He has also published books and articles relating to affirmative action and immigration.

"We want to bring in information from other academic institutions and businesses to find out how they're handling the climate, equity, student welfare," says Cothran.

Both women can point to concrete examples of their philosophy. Cothran has mentored a young woman since the seventh grade who is now here as a

student.

"She comes in once a week to check on me," Cothran says.

Bass' daughter frequently sends friends to her mom's office. Some of them Bass has known since kindergarten.

To detractors that feel conferences such as Success 2000 are not needed any longer because minority enrollment at colleges is up, Cothran has a ready answer.

"We're not at parity."

For information about and to register for Success 2000, contact Douglas Woodard at (301) 405-5615 or dwoodard@deans.umd.edu. Forms may also be picked up at OMSE, 1101 Hornbake Library.

The Hispanic community may contact Carolina Rojas-Bahr at (301) 405-8817 or crbahr@deans.umd.edu.

Those interested may also visit www.inform.umd.edu/omse/success.

Diabetes: Control Through Education

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and cooking demonstrations using culturally appropriate foods, they have provided nearly 125 low-literacy diabetics with practical tips and guidelines for dietary fat control and blood glucose regulation.

Blood tests conducted during the first of three classes and three months after the final class reveal a mean decline in long-

term blood glucose levels of 1.27 percent. "Given that a 1 percent increase in these levels is associated with an additional \$600 to \$2,000 in per-person health care costs, this figure is extremely significant," says Miiller.

Buoyed by these results, she and her colleagues piloted a similar class for African American

clientele earlier this year, which they hope will form the basis of an ongoing program. And, with guidance from Mehta, Extension educators in several other counties, including Allegany, Frederick, Prince George's, Somerset, Worcester and Wicomico are forming community partnerships to reach at-risk populations in their areas.

Fischell: Gives Funds

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be looking for a student Fischell describes as someone who "is thinking all the time, the kind of person who is innovative, with conceptual ideas for products or devices. But most of all, this student has the burning desire for his or her idea to become a reality."

The development of these ideas into commercial products to benefit humanity was a motivating factor behind the establishment of the fellowship.

"This fellowship is not about any personal financial gain for me. Rather, it is to help an innovative entrepreneur to obtain a Ph. D. in biomedical engineering and, at the same time, give him or

her a chance to create a new medical device for the benefit of humankind," explains Fischell.

To facilitate this, the student will have access to the engineering faculty and resources such as the Technology Advancement Program, which offers support to emerging companies working on technology-based products and services for commercial development.

Farvardin says that the search for candidates will begin later this year and the first year-long fellowship will be awarded in the 2002 academic year.

—Robert Gardner

For Your Interest

Shoppers Unite for a Safeway to Give Young Students a Giant Boost

Help the University of Maryland's youngest students earn points towards cash and educational equipment to benefit their school. The Center for Young Children (a laboratory and demonstration school on campus) is participating in the Giant "A+ Bonus Bucks" and Safeway "Club Card for Education" programs. Points are earned each time a Giant BonusCard or Safeway Club Card is used. There is no need to save receipts. It's easy to sign up by visiting Customer Service at any Giant or Safeway store or online at www.giantfood.com (for Giant, the school code is 03930) or www.proghqtrs.com/safeway (for Safeway, the school code is 0529).

Institute of Philosophy and Public Policy Anniversary

The Institute of Philosophy and Public Policy will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a one-day conference in Van Munching Hall. The conference will bring together scholars and policy analysts who work in the area of philosophy and public policy to discuss the role of research applying ethical analysis to policy problems. In addition to members of the Institute, speakers will include former Congressman Lee Hamilton (now head of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars), Rachelle Hollander (National Science Foundation), Christopher Morric (Department of Philosophy), Benjamin Barber (Department of Government and Politics), and Linda Williams (Department of Government and Politics).

To see the conference agenda, visit www.puaf.umd.edu/ippp/25th. The conference is open to the public, but pre-registration is recommended. To register, or for more information, contact Keishalee Clarke at (301) 405-6351, or send e-mail to ghonet.wam.umd.edu.

International Travel Awards

Full-time faculty members are invited to submit a proposal to the International Travel Fund Committee for support to conduct research overseas. Awards are made for economy-class travel and it is presumed that other sources of support, particularly from the department or college, are being applied to the project. The purpose of the award is to provide seed funds for projects of major significance. The International Travel Fund Committee, comprised of four faculty members, will evaluate the proposals in accordance with the guidelines listed at www.intprog.umd.edu.

The deadline for proposals is Nov. 15. For more information,

contact Pernille Levine at (301) 405-7158 or PL78@umail.umd.edu.

Keys to Empowering Youth (KEYs)

The Women in Engineering Program invites 11-13 year old girls to participate in KEYs science and engineering program featuring innovative workshops, hands-on lab activities and interaction with supportive role models on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The goal

of the Washington, D.C. area's most important visual arts centers. The exhibition features prints, pulp paintings, paperworks, and books by 58 artists who have worked with Pyramid Atlantic. The exhibition opening is Thursday, Nov. 8 from 6-8 p.m. in the Art Gallery in the Art-Soc Building. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Dec. 15.

For more information, contact The Art Gallery at (301) 405-2763 or artgal@umail.umd.edu or visit www.inform.umd.edu/ArtGal.



PHOTO BY MONETTE AUSTIN BAILEY

Campus Master Patrol Officer August Kenner, left, and Nyumburu Cultural Center Associate Director Anne Carswell enjoy the Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) Fall 2001 reception last week. New and old employees were welcomed by BFSA President and Director of Academic Achievement Programs Jerry Lewis, President Dan Mote and Vice President and Provost for Academic Affairs William Destler. For more information about BFSA activities, call Marsha Botts at (301) 405-4736 or visit www.inform.umd.edu/CampusInfo/Committees/Assoc/BlkFacStaff/.

is to excite girls about math, science and engineering, thus encouraging them to pursue technical tracks in high school and beyond.

Because of the program's popularity, students are selected on a first-come basis. For electronic applications, e-mail pesmith@deans.umd.edu. For more information, visit 1106 Glenn L. Martin Hall or contact Mary Vechery at (301) 405-0315 or vechery13@hotmail.com.

Support for Soon-to-be Ex-Smokers

Lunch time Smoking Cessation classes will be held from 12-1 p.m. on Wednesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 28 and Dec. 5. Evening classes from 4-5 p.m. will be held on Thursdays, Nov. 8, 15, 29 and Dec. 6. The classes will be held at 2101 University Health Center. A \$10 registration fee will be collected. Please call (301) 314-8123 or (301) 314-8128 to register.

For more information, contact Kelly Dolan at (301) 314-8123 or dolan@health.umd.edu, or visit www.umd.edu/health.

Crosscurrents 2001: The Work of Pyramid Atlantic

The Art Gallery, University of Maryland, presents the exhibition Crosscurrents 2001: The Work of Pyramid Atlantic, highlighting Pyramid Atlantic, one

Information Technology and Center for Teaching Excellence. For more information, contact Chris Higgins at (301) 405-5190 or chiggins@deans.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/tt/.

Television and African-American Issues

The Museum of Television and Radio, University Satellite Seminar Series presents "On the Front Lines: Television and African-American Issues" on Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 7:30-9 p.m. in 4210-T Hornbake.

The civil rights movement of the late 1950s and 1960s was the first running story of national importance that television fully covered. From the 1970s on, racial issues became more complex for television to cover. Panelists Gerald M. Boyd, Benjamin L. Hooks, Nicholas Katzenbach and Judy Richardson will explore issues from the 1950s and 1960s and how television news has interpreted such divisive events as the Rodney King verdict and the confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

The seminar is sponsored by Nonprint Media Services, University of Maryland Libraries. For more information, contact Allan Rough at 5-9225 or ar21@umail.umd.edu.

Leadership in a Time of Crisis: Some African American Perspectives

Ron Walters, senior scholar at the Academy of Leadership and director of the Institute for African American Leadership, will present his views on the war on terrorism, its leaders, its causes and its impact on African Americans.

The seminar, sponsored by Nonprint Media Services, University of Maryland Libraries, will take place Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 12:30-1:45 p.m. in 0101 Taliaferro Hall. All interested faculty, staff and graduate students are invited. For more information, contact Stefanie Weiss, Academy of Leadership, at 5-7938 or sweiss@academy.umd.edu.

Phonology Phorum

The Blackwell/Maryland Lecture Series Lectures in Language and Cognition presents "Phonology: The Bottom Line" with Morris Halle of MIT, Nov. 12-14. Monday's lecture topic is "On Features, Phonemes and Rules." The lecture will take place Monday, Nov. 12 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall.

The remaining lecture schedule is as follows: Tuesday, Nov. 13, 12:30-2:30 p.m., "On Accent and Stress;" Wednesday, Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., "On Meter and Verse."

For more information, contact Scott Fults at (301) 405-7002 or swf@wam.umd.edu.

Reading, 'Riting, Renaissance

A one-day conference entitled "Reading Renaissance Ethics" will be held in the Atrium of the Stamp Student Union on Friday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The program includes Marshall Grossman, University of Maryland; Lynn Enterline, Vanderbilt University; David Lee Miller, University of Kentucky; Gordon Teskey, Cornell University; Theodore B. Leinwand, University of Maryland; Richard Streier, University of Chicago; Katharine Eisaman Maus, University of Virginia; Ken Gross, University of Rochester; and David Norbrook, University of Maryland.

The conference is sponsored by the Department of English and the Center for Renaissance and Baroque Studies at the University of Maryland. For more information, contact Marshall Grossman at mg76@umail.umd.edu.

Call for Proposals: Teaching/Learning Theaters

Proposals for use of the Teaching Theaters, both full-semester and partial-semester, for the Summer and Fall 2002 terms are currently being accepted. Proposals are due by midnight Tuesday, Nov. 9.

Sponsored by Technology Enhanced Learning, Office of